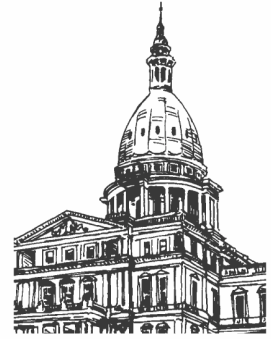


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**MEDC ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO TRAIN
MANUFACTURING WORKERS AND COMPANIES**
Senator Martha G. Scott Applauds Move to Assist Workers in Senate District 2

(LANSING)—State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) announced today the award of a \$400,000 Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant to Henry Ford Community College. The College, in partnership with the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, will train over 750 workers at 20 companies in four counties, including Wayne County.

The funding is part of the MEDC's new Economic Development Job Training Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative, designed to enhance the skills of Michigan's manufacturing workforce and encourage collaboration between regional employers. The program aims to streamline the training process by serving several companies through a single grant to make the best use of state funding.

"This is a much needed boost that will allow employees and companies in southeast Michigan to help grow our economic base and increase job opportunities," said Scott. "The manufacturing industry in Michigan must continue to work on improving employee skills and company operations in order to remain competitive."

The companies that will receive training in Wayne County include: Detroit Chassis LLC, Detroit; Ghafari Associates LLC, Dearborn; JL Automotive, Highland Park; Lason Systems Inc., Livonia; Lincoln Forge, Wyandotte; LOC Performance Products, Plymouth; Mercury Manufacturing,

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Wyandotte; Micro Rim Corporation, Highland Park; NACTECH, Detroit; Piston Automotive, Detroit; Quality Team One, Highland Park; Severstal North America (formerly Rouge Steel), Dearborn; TDS/US Automotive, Detroit; Technicolor, Livonia.

The MEDC represents a partnership between state and local communities that works to promote real economic growth by developing strategies and providing services to create and retain good jobs and a high quality of life for the citizens of Michigan.

State Senator Martha G. Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes part of the eastside of the City of Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. She is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she serves as Minority Vice-Chair of the subcommittees on Family Independence Agency and Retirement; and a member on the Commerce, Labor and Economic Development and K-12/School Aid/ Education subcommittees.

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